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To SCHOOL SUPERVISORS

The single purpose of this letter is to call your attention to the importance of starting immediately, a movement towards convincing all teachers in Porto Rico of the absolute necessity for them to visit the Continent, in order to acquire a better knowledge of the English language as well as many other things---; many good things that they do not know, but that tend toward real Americanization. It is desired that, without any loss of time, now that the course is started, whenever the opportunity comes up, heart to heart talks be made about the subject, emphasizing the fact that through this means, the general efficiency and value of any Portorican may be greatly increased, but more particularly so, if that person is devoted to the teaching profession.

The Department tried hard last year to obtain from the Government all possible help in connection with transportation to the States, but unhappily did not succeed. We do not know at this time whether we shall be more fortunate at the end of the year, but anyway it is our duty to try to convince the teachers of Porto Rico that it will do them a tremendous amount of good to spend their next summer vacation in the States.

Very truly yours,

Juan B. HUYKE,
Commissioner of Education.